

N. C. STATE NEWS

A Digest of Everything Worth Knowing About Old North State Folks and Things

—Senator F. W. Simmons of North Carolina is investigating the sugar situation, to ascertain the reason for the present scarcity, and to provide relief if possible.

—An effort is being made by Goldsboro business men to form a stock company with a capital of \$150,000 to build dwelling houses in that city, to be used for rental purposes.

—Two students from Serbia will attend the State College for Women this session. These two girls will be cared for by the student body of the institution, and the students will also pay all their college and travel expenses.

—The University of North Carolina has just had the biggest opening in the history of the institution. For the 125th session just beginning, more than a thousand students have registered, 389 of whom are freshmen.

—Hon. James Iredell Johnson, mayor of Raleigh for more than twelve years, died at Hot Springs, Ark., a few days ago, following a stroke of paralysis. He was a lifelong resident of Raleigh, and had been in ill health for several months.

—Miss Anna Locke Ingram of Wadesboro has been named by General James I. Metts as sponsor for the North Carolina Division of Confederate Veterans at the annual reunion which is being held this week at Atlanta, Ga.

—General Lawrence D. Tyson, native North Carolinian who was on the staff of the 30th Division when it broke the Hindenburg line, will speak before the North Carolina State Literary and Historical Association on November 21st.

—Members of the North Carolina Retail Jewelers' Association have presented the widow of Frank M. Jolly, former president of the Association, with a handsome bronze memorial tablet dedicated to Mr. Jolly's memory. He died January 28, 1919.

—Over \$2,000,000 has been raised in North Carolina in the last ten days for the construction of cotton warehouses according to a statement just given out by President Wannamaker of the American Cotton Association.

—Last Wednesday was Welcome Home Day in Warren county, of which Warrenton is the county seat. The biggest celebration ever staged in that section was carried out there. More than 5,000 persons were present. Warren county lost 20 boys in the War.

—Fifty counties in the State have ordered dog license tags under the North Carolina State-wide dog law. Major W. A. Graham, commissioner of agriculture announced a few days ago. A total of \$4,556 tags have already been furnished the counties, and Major Graham expects the total to reach 120,000.

—From the statements of automobile men living in various parts of this State, it appears that Virginia is carrying out her threat to ban North Carolina license tags from Virginia roads. Several auto drivers have testified to Secretary of State Grimes that they were arrested, compelled to buy Virginia licenses, and fined in addition.

—Dr. Sterling Ruffin, one of the Washington physicians called into consultation with Dr. Cary T. Grayson last week in regard to President Wilson's condition is a North Carolinian, a grandson of the late Chief Justice Thomas Ruffin, one of the most noted men the State has produced. Dr. Ruffin has been practicing medicine at the capital for many years.

—The North Carolina division of the American Cotton Association has already completed the formation of organizations in twenty of the cotton-growing counties of the State. This is an average of more than one a day since the work started. The executive committee of the Association hopes soon to have at least one organization in every cotton-growing county in the State.

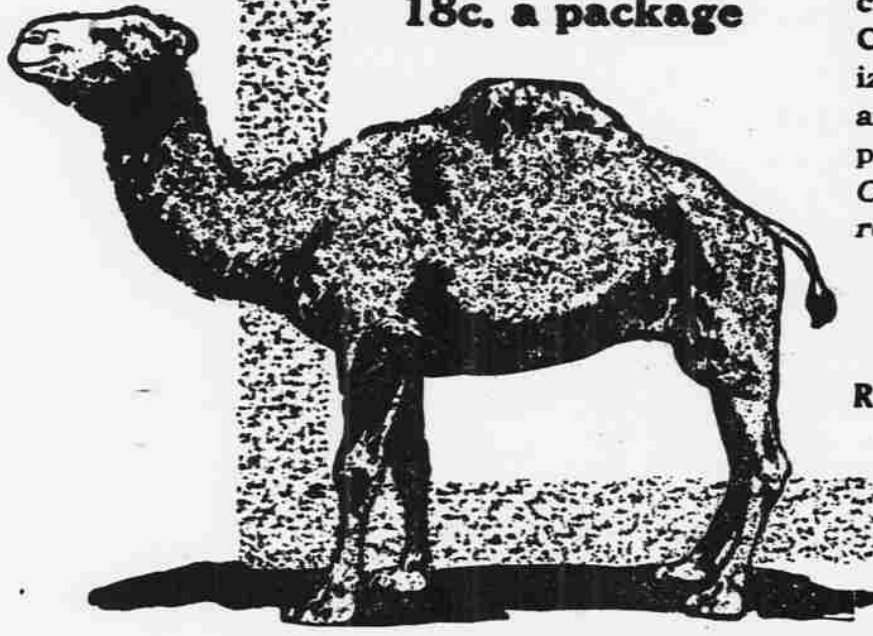
—From a list of more than 100 applicants, the State Board of Health, Bureau of Sanitary Engineering and Inspection, announces the selection of nine men as sanitary inspectors, to carry out the provisions of the new State Sanitary Law. The State has been divided into districts of approximately ten counties each, and an inspector will be placed in charge of each district. One district yet remains to be supplied with an inspector.

—The movement for the reorganization of the National Guard is taking well in North Carolina now according to reports coming from the office of the Adjutant General. More than 30 towns have expressed a desire to have companies allotted them, but as there are only twelve rifle companies, a Headquarters Company, a Supply Company and a Machine Gun Company, in a regiment, it follows that there will be many disappointments since only one regiment has been authorized for the State.

—Much interest is being shown all over North Carolina in Clean-Up Week, which is now being observed in the State. The loss by fire in the State now amounts to \$4,000,000 annually, or \$11,000 each day. Three fourths of this loss, the State Insurance Commissioner maintains, is due to ignorance or carelessness. The loss of life by fire, according to statistics of the State Board of Health, averages one a day for each day in the year, but since January 1919 the ratio has apparently increased, and reports now indicate between 500 and 600 deaths by fire in the State during 1919.

—What appears to be one of the grossest cases on record of miscarriage of justice through the army court martial system, is that of Ira Cromer, Winston-Salem boy now serving a ten-year sentence on Governors Island, N. Y., following his conviction on a charge of petty larceny. Cromer served on the Mexican border and was with the regulars at Chateau-Thierry, where he received his first wound. He was in France 25 months, and when arrested had an absolutely clean record. He had no counsel to defend him, and was not permitted to put witnesses on the stand in his own behalf. Cromer's case is being investigated, and it is hoped that he will soon be released.

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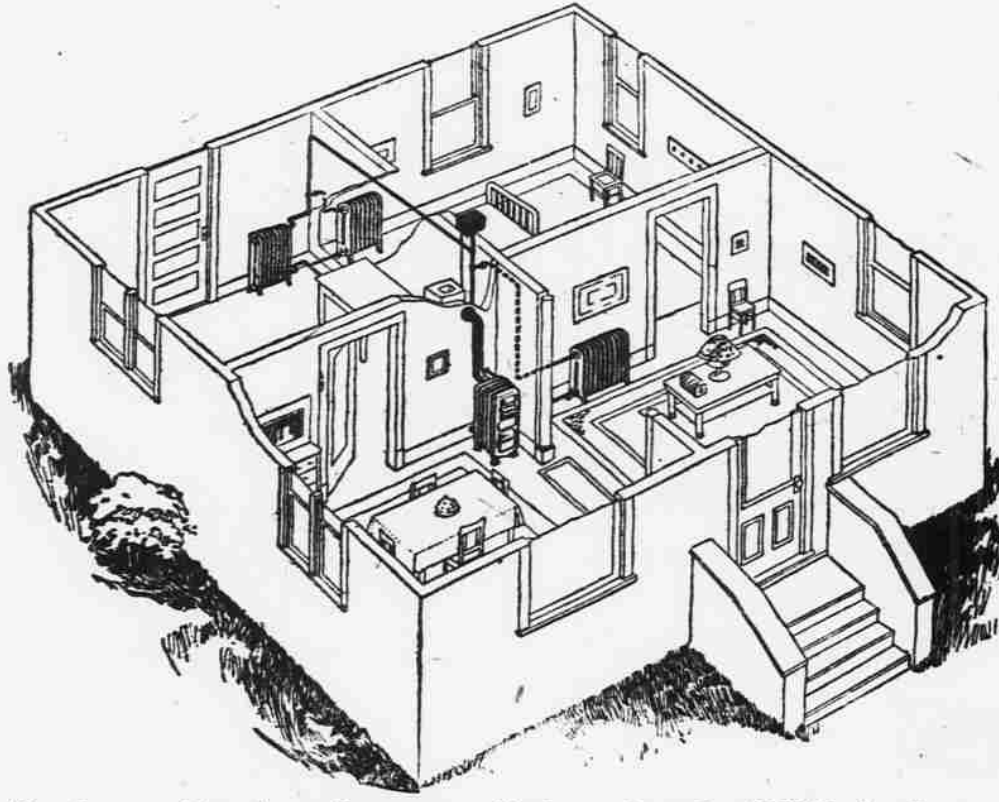
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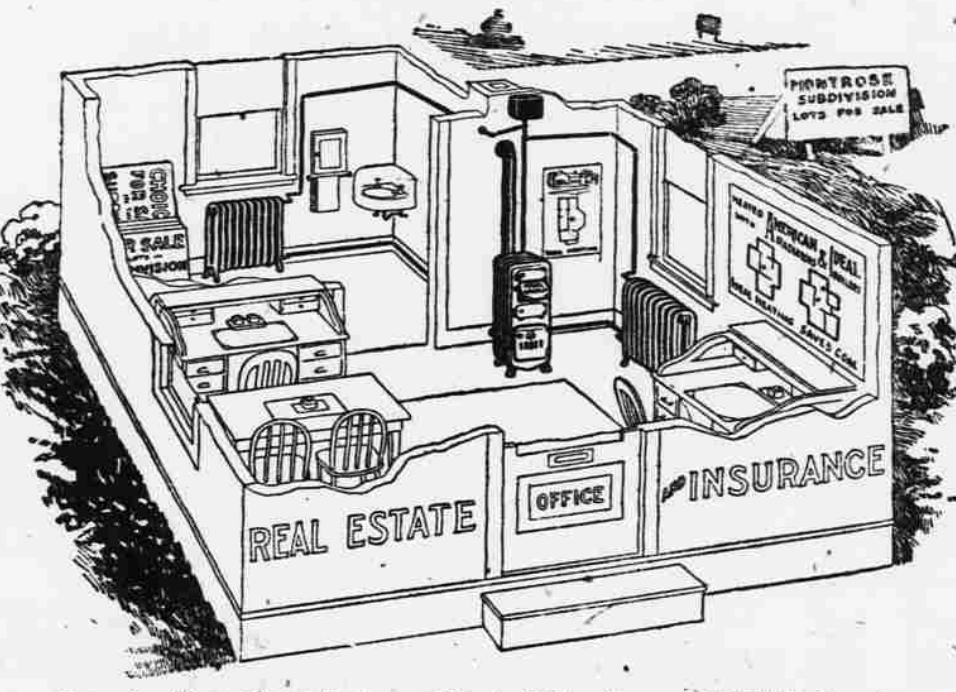
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THINK THEY HAVE THE
BEAN WORM'S NUMBER

State Entomologists Learned Much in
Experiments With Recent
Pest

After tabulating the information secured during August and September at the two field stations, the entomologists of the North Carolina Experiment Station find that they have secured some valuable working data on the worm which ravaged soybean fields in North Carolina this past summer. Franklin Sherman, the chief in entomology, spent practically two months at a field station near this city, and R. W. Leiby, his assistant, was at Terra Ceia, near Belhaven.

At the time of the outbreak there were no remedies practical for controlling the worm in soybean fields, because this crop was more or less new, and up until that time the pest had confined its attacks to clover. It was not known as to the natural enemies of the worm, or what strength of poisons the soybean could stand. However, the studies made in these two field stations by Sherman and Leiby have proven that a dry mixture of powdered arsenate of lead with dust lime was an effective remedy and would not hurt the growth of the plants. This treatment cost about \$1.50 to \$3 per acre for materials, and less where the dusting machine was used.

It was also proven conclusively that where the farmer was equipped for liquid spraying, the worm was easily held in check by adding one pound of powdered arsenate of lead to 25 gallons of water. In this connection, the entomologist found it to be unnecessary to try to get the poison on the under side of the leaves. When very young the worms do prefer the under side of the leaf, but before they become large enough to be serious they eat their way through and the poison on the upper surface will easily destroy them.

Paris green, it was demonstrated, cannot be used satisfactorily, as the experiments showed that it burns the plants too badly.

In addition to means of control, Mr. Sherman and his associates gathered some valuable information with reference to the worms themselves, studying them from the egg stage throughout the entire generation. They also found a small egg parasite which is the most important natural enemy. This parasite killed countless thousands of the soybean worms, yet it would take about 25 of the parasites with wings fully extended to spread an inch.

The results of these studies, states Director Kilgore, have put the entomologists in a position to know definitely how to handle the situation in case there should be another epidemic.

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